GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CIVIL AVIATION
LOK SABHA

STARRED QUESTION NO:287
ANSWERED ON:22.12.2003
DISCRIMINATION AGAINST AIR HOSTESSES
SUNIL KHAN

Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Air India/Indian Airlines has grounded air hostesses above the age of 50 years;

(b) if so, whether women pilots are allowed to fly upto the age of 60 years;

(c) if so, the reasons for discrimination between the two categories of women employees;

(d) whether the Government would direct Air India/Indian Airlines to end such discrimination;and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI RAJIV PRATAP RUDY)

(a), (b), (c), (d) & (e): A statement is laid on the Table of the Sabha.

STATEMENT IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) to (e) OF LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION No.287 ANSWERED ON 22.12.: REGARDING DISCRIMINATION AGAINST AIR HOSTESSES.

(a): The Air hostesses of Indian Airlines are flying upto the age of 58 years. Air India has grounded the Air hostesses above the age of 50 years.

(b): No, Sir. Both male and female pilots in Air India and Indian Airlines are allowed to fly upto the age of 58 years.

(c), (d) & (e): The Government have subsequently directed Air India that in view of the exigencies of the circumstances and in the interest of operations of Air India, the female cabin crew may be allowed flying duties up to the age of 58 years subject to general conditions prescribed in this regard.